

BIG PACKERS  
ARE IMMUNEAs Individuals They Can't be  
Prosecuted

## ON CONSPIRACY CHARGE

But the Indictments Against the Cor-  
porations Stand—Decision Handed  
Down by Judge Hum-  
phrey.

Chicago, March 22.—All the meat packers who were indicted by a federal grand jury last summer on charges of conspiracy in restraint of interstate commerce and trade have been granted immunity from criminal prosecution under the indictment. While the individuals are to go free, the indictments found against the corporations of which some of the indicted packers are members and others are employees stand.

A decision to this effect was handed down yesterday by Judge J. Otis Humphrey, in the United States district court.

In giving his decision, Judge Humphrey said:

"The defendants are indicted under the Sherman act, charged with a conspiracy in restraint of trade. They have pleaded that as to them that act should be suspended because they were compelled to furnish evidence concerning the matter in the indictment, and under the law such furnishing of evidence gives them immunity. The law under consideration, for the construction of which the court is called upon to decide, is the commerce and labor act. It is clear that the primary purpose of this act was to enable Congress to provide, through the channel of officials charged with the execution of the laws, remedial legislation.

"The act is a substitute for one of the most cherished rights of the American citizen which is the right to remain silent when questioned about any subject the answer to which might incriminate him. It is conceded that the privilege amendment to the constitution cannot be taken from the citizen without giving to him something equally valuable in return. The privilege of the amendments permit a refusal to answer a question relating to the offense. The privilege must be claimed by the witness at the time. The immunity follows to the witness without any claim on his part.

"It is contended that the defendants in this case were volunteers because they haggled with Garfield at times, debated, resisted, gave less than he asked and withheld some things. The record lines show that, but the fact remains that every approach was made by the government.

"Garfield came to the defendants and held up before them the powers of his office. They did not go to him and volunteer anything. Now, since the defendants volunteered nothing, but gave only what was demanded by an officer who had the right to make the demand, and gave in good faith under a sense of legal compulsion, I am of the opinion that they were entitled to immunity.

"The individuals who go free under the decision are: J. Ogden Armour, Edward Morris, Charles W. Armour, Ira N. Morris, Louis F. Swift, Edward F. Swift, Charles N. Swift, Edward Cuddey, Arthur Meeker, T. J. Connors, F. A. Valentine, A. H. Vedder, F. E. Evans, I. A. Carter, Robert C. McManis, D. E. Hartwell.

"The corporations which must stand trial are: Armour Packing company, Armour & Co., Cuddey Packing company, Fairbanks Canning company, and Swift & Co.

BUCKING SNOW DRIFT  
RESULTED FATALY.Leshigh Train Was Wrecked, One Man  
Was Killed and Another Was Fatally  
Hurt Near Lima, N. Y., Today.

Rochester, N. Y., March 22.—One man was killed, one fatally hurt, and scores of passengers' lives endangered, in a wreck on the Lehigh Valley railroad near Lima this morning. The wreck resulted from the efforts to buck a snow drift.

SEVERAL HUNDRED RESUME.  
Strike at Aldrich Manufacturing Co.  
Ended Today.

Moosup, Conn., March 22.—The strike at the Aldrich Manufacturing Co. which had lasted seven weeks, ended today, when the company agreed to take back all the old employees without discrimination, and grant them a concession of no overtime work. The demand for an increase of wages was waived by the strikers. Several hundred men went to work this morning.

## Mr. Costello's Feet.

Attorney Stephen V. Costello was among the guests at the Dr. Douglas Hyde banquet at the Palace Hotel, and before sitting down at the banquet board he was introduced to the distinguished president of the Gaelic league.

"Costello" repeated Dr. Hyde when the attorney's name was mentioned to him. "That's a good old Irish name. Do you know, Mr. Costello, what the name signifies in the Gaelic tongue?"

"I do not," replied the attorney, "but I should very much like to know."

"Costello means 'man with shaggy feet,'" explained the Gaelic scholar.

Costello took a hasty glance at his generously proportioned feet and said: "Well, as a personal favor, doctor, I hope you will allow the fact to remain a secret."

But it happened that the conversation was overheard by one of Costello's friends, and now the town is twitting him on the symmetrical lines of his extremities.—San Francisco Chronicle.

TEMPERANCE REFORMER  
ACCUSED OF CRUELTYIda H. Read and Her Husband Relieved  
of a Horse Which Humane Agent  
Fuller Says Is in a Pitiful  
Condition.

Burlington, March 22.—Humane Agent John Fuller has under consideration and has already taken aggressive steps in a case of alleged cruelty to a horse, which involves Mrs. Ida H. Read of Shelburne, state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, and her husband, Dr. Read of that town. The horse which Humane Agent Fuller took from Dr. Read in this city Tuesday afternoon is in a pitiful condition at Whitcomb's livery stable, whence it was taken by Mr. Fuller.

The horse is suffering from either strained or broken ligaments of the ankle of one hind foot. The condition of the ankle is such that the horse can bear no weight on that foot. The foot hangs limp and when the animal attempts to walk the foot turns over, allowing the weight to fall on the ankle joint and causing the animal to suffer the most excruciating pain. As it has lain in the Whitcomb stables its groans have been heard all over the place.

Dr. and Mrs. Read drove the animal into Burlington from Shelburne Tuesday and the former had consulted a veterinarian about the condition of the animal's ankle, but no professional examination of the member was made. Many who saw the horse in its pitiful condition yesterday were shocked at the condition of the horse and expressed wonder that it was able to make the trip from Shelburne.

The horse was viewed in Whitcomb's stable yesterday by a large number of people, all of whom were horrified at the suffering which the wretched beast must have endured. Among the spectators was Prof. J. E. Goodrich of the University of Vermont, president of the Burlington Humane society. The horse was led out from its stall to the barn floor, and as the professor looked upon the animal standing there in its anguish he remarked: "Evidently Mrs. Read knows more about whiskey than she does about horses." Later he said if he were a judge and the owner of the horse were brought before him, he would impose a fine of \$200.

J. D. ROCKEFELLER, 3D  
ARRIVED LAST NIGHTStork Brought Him to House of John  
D., Jr.—Mother Is Daughter of  
Senator Aldrich of Rhode  
Island.

New York, March 22.—John D. Rockefeller, 3d, has arrived. He was brought by stork to the house of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. last night. The mother of the youngest Standard Oil heir is the former Miss Aldrich, daughter of Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island. She is doing well, as is the new John.

A SWEEPING MEASURE.  
Is to Be Reported in Insurance to N. Y.  
Legislature.

Albany, March 22.—The Assembly committee on insurance, in executive session late last night, voted to report favorably to the Assembly today, with amendments, Assembly bill number 964, introduced by Just special investigating committee, which would legislate out of office on November 15 next all the directors and trustees of the mutual insurance companies and would nullify all proxies heretofore secured by the companies themselves by Thos. W. Lawson or any other person or committee.

The most important amendment provides that no proxy executed prior to September 15 next will be valid or can be voted at the reorganizing election, which the bill sets for November 15.

The bill affects "every domestic mutual life insurance corporation, whether incorporated by a special act or under a general incorporation act, and the annual election of every such company which under its charter or by-laws would be held hereafter and prior to November 15, 1906," shall be postponed and held on that date. All present directors shall hold office until then and until their successors are elected.

The bill also provides that the reason for the pushing of this particular bill is the fact that the election of trustees for the New York Life Insurance company will occur on April 11, and it is the desire of the committee that there may be no question but that this election shall be among those postponed by the act.

NEW STOCK ISSUE.  
New York Central Stockholders to Meet  
April 18.

New York, March 22.—It was reported in Wall street yesterday that the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad company had decided to ask stockholders to authorize a new stock issue, variously reported at from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000. Official confirmation of the report could not be obtained, but it received credence in Wall street circles and the price of the stock was depressed in consequence. After the close of the market an official of the committee was quoted to the effect that a meeting of the stockholders will be held on April 18 to consider a proposition for the increase of the company's capital stock by \$100,000,000.

REPEATED A THREAT.  
Crowley Says He Was Told to Keep  
Away from Pells.

Boston, Mass., March 22.—Timothy E. Crowley, who is charged with attempting to kill Joseph P. Lomaney, took the stand in his own behalf this morning. He testified that J. P. Lomaney three or four days before the primaries said to him: "You better get over on the right side of the wagon or keep away from the polls, for if you don't we'll best your brains out."

He also testified that Martin Lomaney on the morning before the primaries said to him: "If you go to the polls tomorrow morning they will carry you away on a stretcher."

WHITE CASES  
GO HIGHERAttorneys for Defence Moved  
to Quash Indictments

## WHICH WAS OVERRULED

Richford Manslaughter Cases Will Go  
Before Supreme Court to Determine  
Form of the Indictment  
Brought.

St. Albans, March 22.—The cases against Almon and Eva White, indicted for manslaughter, known as the wood alcohol poisoning cases will not be tried at this term of Franklin county court. A motion of the attorneys for the defense, to quash the indictments was overruled today by Judge Munson, but exceptions were granted on the demurrer to the form of indictment and the matter is sent to the Supreme court for a final hearing on the point of law raised.

The cases against Almon, Eva and W. White, indicted for selling liquor without a license were taken up this afternoon.

St. Albans, March 22.—When Franklin county court came in yesterday afternoon, it was announced that at the recent session of the special grand jury true bills had been found against Miss Eva White and Almon White of Richford, for alleged manslaughter, and true bills found against W. White, Miss Eva White and Almon White on the charge of selling intoxicating liquor without a license.

The indictments alleging manslaughter are brought on the grounds that the deaths of Mrs. Mary Legros of St. Armand, P. Q., Nelson P. Royston and Marshall S. Ellis of Richford, were caused by drinking liquor, said to contain wood alcohol and sold by the respondents.

It is probable that the case against Miss Eva White will be taken up first. Attorney General Clark C. Fitts of Brattleboro is here and will assist State Attorney Warren B. Austin in the prosecution. Col. Alfred A. Hall of this city and A. B. Rowley of Richford will appear for the defense.

The case of state vs. Calvin B. Niles, charged with killing deer illegally, was finished yesterday, the jury bringing in a verdict of not guilty.

## MRS. COOPER BROKE DOWN.

For Third Time a Murder Drama Was  
Performed in the Court Room.

Augusta, Me., March 22.—Mrs. Alice P. Cooper, who is being tried in the supreme court, charged with the murder of Charles Northy, broke down completely yesterday afternoon, when for the third time since her trial began, the scene of Northy's death was reproduced graphically for the benefit of the judge and jury.

George Peaslee, a court messenger, impersonated the victim, lying upon the floor of the court room with his head supported by a blood soaked cushion. Around him the furniture of the room in the Cooper house where the tragedy occurred was carefully arranged, especially a rocking chair in which, according to the state's theory, the slayer of young Northy was seated.

When Edwin Bullock, a witness for the prosecution, told with much detail of the finding of the dying man in the room, Mrs. Cooper was extremely agitated, and later fainted from the nervous strain and the effects of the gruesome recital.

CASE OF SUICIDE.  
Body of Woman Pulled Out of Water  
at Manchester, N. H.

Manchester, N. H., March 22.—The body of Dora Albert, wife of Abraham Albert of 70 Spruce street, was found in the canal last evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Amoskeag corporation allowing the water to be drawn off, after Janitor Bijah Wiggins of the police station had pulled Mrs. Albert's shawl out of the water yesterday forenoon. It was a verification of the impressions of the police and an examination of the matter had been made.

The medical referee was notified as soon as the body was found and he pronounced it a case of suicide. The body was turned over to Undertaker Joseph P. Devine and removed by him to his rooms on Central street.

"ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE."  
For Miners and Soft Coal Operators to  
Agree.

Indianapolis, March 22.—An influential coal operator said this morning that any agreement between the miners and soft coal operators has been found absolutely impossible. The motion to adjourn, sine die, was made in a joint session of the legislative body this morning, after a hot argument in which the miners attempted to force the consideration of the wage increase question, but a recess was taken before the motion was seconded.

Claim They're Squandering.  
Rutland, Mar. 22.—An application has been made to probate court here for the appointment of a guardian for Fred M. Richardson and Mrs. Harriet L. Richardson, part owners of the Hotel Berwick, and other large properties. The application is by George Sargent, a cousin, who claims that they are squandering money. There is a hearing tomorrow and there will be a fight.

Gov. Pattison Still Very Ill.  
Columbus, Ohio, March 22.—Governor Pattison rested last night and is better today. His condition is serious, however. He contracted a severe cold, early in the week and has grown steadily worse since.

TWO BURLINGTON BOYS  
DIED SUSPICIOUSLYBoth May Have Been Poisoned by Eating  
Red Candy—Death Certificates Give  
Pneumonia as the Cause  
of Death.

Burlington, March 22.—Adolph Stone, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stone, died early yesterday morning at his home on Conser avenue. In the same building, in the next room, Napoleon Christian died, having died two hours after the Stone boy. The death certificates give pneumonia and heart failure or pneumonia, respectively, as the cause.

The residents of Lakeside believed, however, that candy containing poison played a prominent part in the boys' illness. The statement of Dr. F. E. Lewis, who was the first physician to arrive at Mrs. Stone's home, strengthens this theory, he having said that the boy showed symptoms of having been poisoned.

The following story is told by Mrs. Stone: "Adolph was ten years old and attended the Catholic school at Lakeside. He had always been well, but Sunday morning he was suddenly taken sick. The boy had been eating candy and the outside was painted red, and I am afraid of it."

Mrs. Christian said: "My boy had been well until Monday morning, when he was taken sick and lost his reason. On Sunday he was out on the lake and returned home looking all right. He was a big candy eater, and I am sure that the little red peanut candy had something to do with his death. He was 17 years old."

Leaves refused to make a statement last night. He did, however, state that there were some complications in connection with the death of the Stone boy. "When I felt Tuesday afternoon," said Dr. Lewis, "the boy was apparently on the road to recovery."

WANT TO KILL ROVER.  
Neighbors Don't Like the Traits of a  
Certain Brindle Bull Dog.

Montpelier, March 22.—One lone woman fought several men last night. It was only a battle of words, however, and the combatants had the Montpelier city council for referees. This woman owns "Rover," a brindle bull dog, and the several men do not like the dog; furthermore they would like the council to refuse a license for the animal this spring so that he could be sent to the canine happy hunting ground. Rover, they allege is a cat killer, a horse terror and a team chaser, besides having several other bad dog characteristics.

While Mrs. Mary Warren, the owner of the animal, declares that Rover is an intelligent dog and that if he ever strays from the path of right living he is always ashamed of it afterwards. She told the city council last night when the hearing was held that once Rover killed a neighbor's cat and that he fell on his back over it that he hung his head in shame.

The owner of the cat was one of the protesting men at the hearing, and he declared that he couldn't furnish cats for Rover to chew up and that he would be overrun with rats and mice if he didn't have a pussy. One other of the protestants announced that he threw an umbrella away with the intention of inflicting injury on Rover but he didn't do it to good advantage. He declared that the next time it would be lead he would throw. All the parties reside on the Worcester branch.

The city council decided to let the matter rest for a week, during which time the further character of the dog will be under observation.

COULDN'T LICK THIS FRENCHMAN.  
But Adolph Hatje Got \$115 for Damage  
to His Face.

Burlington, March 22.—Damages of \$115 and costs were awarded yesterday by a jury to Adolph Hatje because Louie Lincoy punched his face until it looked like a piece of raw beef. The trial of this case was begun Tuesday afternoon in county court and yesterday at 10:30 o'clock it went to the jury, a verdict being returned a few minutes later. The row out of which the suit grew occurred a year ago last December in a saloon owned by Martelle & Lavallee and at that time Lincoy, who is a big man, with an arm revealing that of any blacksmith, took offense at a statement made by Hatje that he could lick any Frenchman in the saloon and proceeded to show Hatje that he was mistaken. Hatje carried off \$1,000.

67 YEARS IN SAME HOUSE.  
Great Record of Timothy Barton of West  
Ferrisburgh.

Vergennes, March 22.—Timothy Barton died Tuesday morning at his home on the Basin harbor road, West Ferrisburgh, from a complication of diseases, aged 67 years. He is survived by one brother, Amos Barton, of Westville, N. Y., and several nephews and nieces, who reside in this city and neighboring towns. Mr. Barton was born in Lant in 1839 and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Barton. He has lived for the past 67 years in the house where he died. For many years Mr. Barton has devoted his time to the raising of vegetables which he sold in this market, where he was a well known figure.

FRESHMEN BARRED.  
From Amherst College Varsity Teams  
in Athletics.

Amherst, Mass., March 22.—The faculty of Amherst college announced a new rule yesterday by which no member of the freshman class will be allowed to represent the college on the varsity team in any branch of athletics. The new rule will go into effect next fall.

BURNED HIS SISTER.  
Three-Year-Old Child Killed Baby Last  
Night.

North Tonawanda, N. Y., March 22.—Viola Fawcett, a 14-month-old girl, was burned to death last night. A 3-year-old brother set fire to the baby's clothing with a stick which he had ignited at a kitchen stove.

WARNING NOTE  
WAS SOUNDEDBy Chief Peck of Montpelier  
Fire Department

## NEW EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Says Also That Gasoline Keepers Are  
Violating the Ordinances About the  
Storage of the Stuff—His  
Recommendations.

Montpelier, March 22.—Chief John W. Peck of the Montpelier fire department sounded a note of warning to the city council last night when he declared that unless Montpelier makes some improvements to the department it may find itself in the condition of Rutland at the big fire of last month when half a million dollars damage was done. Besides recommending new equipment, Chief Peck called attention to the risks caused by the keepers of gasoline who do not live up to the ordinances. The council seemed disposed to have both matters attended to at once, and the proper committees were authorized to investigate and report at the next meeting.

Regarding new equipment Chief Peck reported that the department is in great need of a new hook and ladder truck and better means for getting the apparatus to scenes of fires. He spoke of the inadequate ladders which they have to use now, and declared that they were cumbersome and would not bear the weight that would be required to put on them. He referred to the new hook and ladder truck which Barre has purchased and recommended that Montpelier purchase similar equipment at a cost of \$2,700. The cost of the fire department here, he declared, is one-fourth or one-half what other cities and towns pay. The fire committee was ordered to investigate and report.

Along the same line the license committee was authorized to look up the cases of alleged violation of the city ordinances regarding the storing of gasoline. The practice of the Standard Oil company branch was particularly condemned, as it was stated that it was the usual thing for the tank to be filled up and then run into a shed until the next morning and oftentimes the tank stood for two days, as a menace.

City Attorney Carleton reported that according to the ordinances the council could not grant the request of the Pease & Pope company to place a huge electric sign at the corner of its proposed new store on Main street. It was the intention to have 208 electric lights in the sign. The sign was to be 12 feet in length and would project over the sidewalk. "No aldermen thought the sign would be a good thing in that it would furnish light for the street and the dark alley to the rear of the block. It was suggested that the city attorney draw up a revision of the ordinances so that the placing of the sign would be allowed. The license committee has the matter to look up."

OBJECT TO REPORT OF GAME.  
Northfield Basket Ball Think Man Thinks  
It Was Not Fair.

To the Editor Barre Times: Dear Sir—In the report of the basket ball game in your paper between Company F and the Y. M. C. played here Tuesday evening, there were several things misquoted. Both teams were forbidden to pour a large amount of kerosene on the floors of the club room, but could use it on their shoes if they wished. The floor was not waxed before the game, and never was in a better shape for a game of basket ball, having recently been covered with sawdust, which took off the slippery surface.

Basket ball has been played here all winter, and at this game it was the first time that the audience has made the least disturbance. Good basket ball judges state that had the referee done his duty two of the Barre team would not have been allowed to finish the game.

No report was made of the basket thrown by McCarty across the hall, or those thrown by Hayes. The impression of those who attended the game is that Company F team played a clean game and had no desire or did they exhibit on the floor, as was done by the Y. M. C. team, to fight rather than to play ball. Both teams were evenly matched, and if decisions were as they should have been Company F would have won, but they have no kick to make, only that in reporting the game it be done correctly. The conduct of the members of the Barre team at the Northfield House and the railroad station before they left was anything but those of gentlemen.

All the above can be proven by reliable witnesses.

(Signed)  
Earl H. Bean,  
Manager Co. F team.

CAUGHT IN MACHINERY.  
Bet Irving Page Lost Some Clothing and  
a Little Skin.

Irving Page, a young man employed at Trow & Holden's tool works, had a narrow escape from serious injury this morning, while at work at a drilling machine. His sleeve caught on a set screw which revolved with the drill, thus winding his sleeve around the drill rapidly. All the cloth was torn from his arm along with a good deal of the flesh.

Mr. Page is very lame this afternoon, but it will take work by favoring his lame arm.

Want Their Old Pastor.  
Rutland, March 22.—The fourth quarterly conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held last night in this city and was presided over by the Rev. R. L. Dow, presiding elder of Burlington, who was asked by unanimous vote to use his best endeavors to secure the return of the Rev. M. B. Smith for the ensuing year. About \$1,700 was paid on the church debt during the year.

LOCAL GOLFERS ARE  
PREPARING FOR SPORTAnnual Meeting of Barre Golf Club  
Last Evening, at Which George N.  
Tilden Was Chosen  
President.

Although they haven't got sight of the greens yet, the local golfers are preparing for the season's activity. The first move came last night at the annual meeting, when officers were chosen and arrangements made. The officers are: President, George N. Tilden. Secretary, H. G. Woodruff. Treasurer, Miss Mary J. Wright. These officers with F. W. Nichols, T. C. Peters, James Mackay, F. A. Howland, the last named of Montpelier, will constitute the executive committee.

There were a score of members present at the meeting, which was held in the rooms of the Barre Savings Bank, with C. M. Willey presiding. There are, according to the report of the secretary, 81 members, 68 men and 13 women. Last season the club took in eighteen new members, and already this year five applications have been received. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$26.70, with some money on the books and \$250 still owing on the club house. There came reports from the various committees and the appointment of James Mackay, James Reid and T. C. Peters to choose a club team and arrange for matches during the season.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Mackay for the medal which he presented last summer and the same to the anonymous donor of \$15, the latter thanks to be conveyed through Mr. Howland of Montpelier. The by-laws were amended so that persons, who are not residents of Barre or Montpelier, may become members, and the tournament rules of last year were adopted to govern this summer. The weekly and annual tournaments will be open to all members of the club.

In order to accommodate the increasing membership, it has been decided to make additional locker room at the club house, and the executive committee was instructed to proceed with the work.

CLAIMS DAMAGES.  
Woman Sues Town of Waitsfield for  
Faulty Construction.

Montpelier, March 22.—The town of Waitsfield is being sued in county court by Harriet Graves who claims that she received injuries because of defective bridge between Warren and Waitsfield villages. The damages set up are \$10,000. The injuries are said to have been received September 22, 1903, and the claim is that the town had not placed a proper railing at the embankment near the bridge. The embankment is about eight feet high. A great many witnesses have been summoned, and it is probable that the case will not be finished before the end of the week.

The jury was polled yesterday as follows: A. C. Brown, E. D. Taft, R. M. Parker, J. O. Carey, D. C. Howard, G. M. King, Howard Kennedy, L. N. Jenne, L. J. Ellis, D. G. Green, George White, George A. Cummings. Then the taking of testimony was begun.

Counsel for the plaintiff in the case of Eleanor Fletcher Bishop Nicholas against the estate of Carrie B. Nicholas, rather than risk a verdict for the defendant being ordered by the court, asked for a continuance on terms, which was granted, and the jurors in the case were excused. This leaves the case practically where it was at the opening of the term.

INFORMAL RECEPTION.  
Rev. Dr. Roberts Received by the First  
Baptist Church in Montpelier.

Montpelier, March 22.—The Rev. Dr. H. A. Roberts, who recently came to this city from Block Island, R. I., to be pastor of the First Baptist church, and Mrs. Roberts, were tendered a reception last evening in the vestry of the church. It was an informal affair, and was quite largely attended not only by members of that church and congregation, but the pastors and people of other churches in the city.

Dr. and Mrs. Roberts were assisted in receiving by Deacon and Mrs. Geo. Goodwin, and Mrs. Amy P. Hubbard. A corps of young ladies served refreshments in the ladies vestry. A welcome on behalf of the city was extended by the Rev. L. P. Reed of Bethany church, from the churches by the Rev. W. B. Duke of Trinity church, on behalf of the young people of the city by the Rev. C. P. Wellman of the Church of the Messiah, from the Y. M. C. A. by Secretary Harry B. Bolles and from the Baptist church by George Goodwin. To all these Dr. Roberts made a happy and cordial response.

WANT MR. LOWE AGAIN.  
Methodists Will Make Strong Efforts to  
Keep Pastor.

The fourth quarterly conference of holding M. E. church was held Tuesday evening in the church parlors with Presiding Elder E. W. Lewis of St. Johnsbury in attendance. The usual routine business was transacted, consisting of written reports given by the heads of the various departments and organizations of the church. Committees were elected to serve for the ensuing year. Reports covering the past four years showed a steady gain each year in church membership and the finances were in as favorable condition as any year ago. Although no official vote was taken, expressions from a large majority of the members of the board present indicated that a strong effort would be made to retain the Rev. R. F. Lowe as pastor for another year.

NORTHFIELD MAN HURT.  
Frank Morrill, a Stone Cutter, Got Leg  
Bruised.

Northfield, March 22.—A large block of granite which was being moved by a derrick in the E. B. Ellis Granite company's No. 3 shed yesterday tumbled over unexpectedly and rolled against Frank Morrill, a cutter. The stone bruised his leg quite seriously and removed a portion of the skin and flesh. No bones were broken.

ADOPT RULES  
FOR SEASONNorthern Base Ball League  
Now in Working Order

## PREPARING THE SCHEDULE

Salary Limit for Players Slightly Raised  
and There's a Big Fine for Viola-  
tion—Opening Game at In-  
tercity Park.

President Lester H. Greene represented the Intercity base ball association at the Northern league meeting in Burlington yesterday afternoon, at which the by-laws of the league were thoroughly revamped. The opening games of the season on June 23 were conceded to Rutland and the Intercity because Burlington and Plattsburgh had then last year and Ottawa did the same. Fourth of July and Labor day games will be played in the state, while Ottawa is given Canadian holidays. John B. Taylor of Burlington was again authorized to draw up the schedule and submit it to the teams for approval.

Among the business done yesterday afternoon by the full board of directors was the following: The word "independent" was ordered appended to the league title so that players may know that the league is not professional and a member of the national agreement; each association, if dissatisfied with its representative at the league meeting, can elect a new one; each association must deposit \$150 to cover forfeitures and fines; umpires are to receive \$7.50 per game, with expenses, and \$10 for double header games; umpires shall be appointed by the president and shall discharge on the written application of three teams; the Spaulding ball is the official ball.

Besides these, the salary limit was changed from \$400 a week to \$1,800 a month, which is an increase of about \$27 a week. Violation of this rule will cost \$100 and each subsequent violation \$150. Seven days must elapse after the release of a player before he can play with another team.

An important modification regarding the hiring of player-managers was adopted. Instead of such a man's salary being included in the \$1,800 limit, it was voted to include only \$150 each month. Whatever he is paid above that amount will be for his services as manager and umpire, except, the same as is the salary of a bench manager.

Unanimous consent of all vice presidents is required for the change of any law, which is something new in the league regulations and one which will work for the best interests of all concerned, as combinations to down any club will thus be eliminated.

Mr. Cain of Ottawa addressed the board on the \$2,000 bond, which was made a condition of Ottawa's entering the league, saying that it was much too high, as the traveling expenses of the four other teams to and from Ottawa would not amount to any such figure for the entire season. After some discussion, it was voted that the Ottawa association be required to deposit \$200 with the treasurer as a guarantee of expenses.

BRATTLEBORO WON.  
Defeated St. Johnsbury Pets by Score  
of 21 to 20.

White River Junction, March 22.—Eight hundred people gathered at the Gates' opera house last night saw the Brattleboro Athletics defeat Company D of St. Johnsbury, 21 to 21, in what was called the deciding game for the basketball ball championship of Vermont. St. Johnsbury sent 200 spectators by special train and Brattleboro did the same. There was fast playing, and many individual scraps had to be settled. Russ was the best man for St. Johnsbury and Ellis for Brattleboro. The line-ups:

ATHLETES: CO. D.  
Davy, L. F., McGovern, L. J., Ric McGuigan, Smythe, Bankhart Long, L. J., Ellis, R. J., Beck.  
Baskets from floor, Davy 5, Beck 4, Ellis 3, Smythe 3, Long 2, Russ 2; baskets from fouls, McGovern 2, Long 1; referee, Kilhoury; timers, Daniels and Willey; scorer, Hilkey; time, two 15 and one 10-minute periods; attendance 800.

DEATH OF MOSES DUPREY.  
Had Been Ill With Consumption for  
Three Months.

Moses Duprey passed away at his home on Hooker avenue this morning at 4 o'clock. He had been ill for the past three months with consumption. He was a stone cutter by trade and was well liked by all who knew him. The deceased leaves a widow and five children: to mourn the loss of a kind, indulgent husband and father; he also leaves an aged mother, five sisters and one brother. The funeral will be held at the Catholic church, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mass Meeting of Drawing School.  
The financial and moral report of the  
school will be given at a mass meeting  
which will be held Thursday, March  
23d, at 7:30 p. m., at the locale of the  
said school, Zanen block, Granite  
street. All citizens are invited. Free  
speaking for everybody for complaints,  
proposition for improving the services of  
the school and for the future manage-  
ment of the school, which needs to be  
supported as a principal medium for the  
workmen's welfare.

The committee hope that all the fathers will come to the meeting to help put the school in shape to continue vigorously the art teaching.

We remain, dear friends,  
THE COMMITTEE,  
Per B. Sassi.